



# MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 7

DEPT.: / City Clerk's Office

DATE: September 29, 2004

**ACTION:** Proclamation declaring October 2004 as ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH.

John Moser, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission, will accept the Proclamation

**ACTION STATUS:**

**FOR THE MEETING OF:** 10/04/04

INTRODUCED

PUB. HEARING

INSTRUCTIONS

APPROVED

EFFECTIVE

**ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,**

CHAPTER

SECTION

☐ CONSENT AGENDA

**RECOMMENDATION:** Read and present proclamation

**IMPACT:** ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

**BACKGROUND:** National Arts and Humanities Month is coordinated by Americans for the Arts, the national organization working to empower communities with the resources and support necessary to provide access to all of the arts for all of the people. The month-long celebration grew out of National Arts Week, which began in 1985 by the National Endowment for the Arts and Americans for the Arts. With a 40-year record of service, Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. of the arts and humanities in the Nation.

In observing October as National Arts & Humanities Month this year, President Bush issued this statement, "As tools for learning, the arts and humanities have a positive impact on our children's cognitive development, their confidence, and their motivation. I encourage all citizens to participate in activities that celebrate our rich artistic and intellectual, and to learn more about the artists and scholars whose work continues to enrich our society, our nation and the world."



**WHEREAS**, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country as well as by the White House and Congress for more than a decade;

**WHEREAS**, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind;

**WHEREAS**, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American;

**WHEREAS**, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country;

**WHEREAS**, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$134 billion in economic activity annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.85 million jobs;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Conference of Mayors passed unanimously in June 2004, a policy resolution to urge mayors and other elected officials to proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Larry Giammo, Mayor of Rockville, along with the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim October as **NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH** in Rockville, and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

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Mayor Larry Giammo  
Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey  
Councilmember John F. Hall  
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann  
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

October 4, 2004